

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 23 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 24 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 22 Aug 2023 at 15:19 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery weather to continue over the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 23 Aug 2023: Often cloudy with scattered showers, driest and brightest in the northeast

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 23 Aug 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	20%	40%	40%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 23 Aug 2023

Weather: Most of the night will be dry but showers will develop along the west coast later. Many ranges away from the west coast starting off dry but cloud and showers developing through the morning away from the far north where it will remain dry until late morning. The afternoon and evening will often be cloudy with scattered showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance across Sutherland, Caithness and Easter Ross

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility outside of cloud and showers. Areas of cloud between 600 and 900 metres, this most extensive across Skye, northern Lochaber and Wester Ross where summits may often be shrouded in cloud by afternoon

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/23 SW	18/24 SW	21/27 S	24/30 S	24/31 SW	21/29 SW	21/28 S	21/27 S	22/28 S
900	17/23 SW	18/23 SW	21/27 S	23/29 S	23/30 SW	20/28 SW	20/27 S	20/25 S	21/27 S
600	10/16 SW	11/17 SW	14/21 S	16/22 S	17/25 SW	16/23 SW	15/22 S	14/20 S	15/22 S
300	3/16 W	2/14 SW	4/16 S	3/16 SW	7/22 SW	7/21 SW	5/18 SW	3/17 S	4/20 S
Glen	3/9 W	3/9 W	2/8 SE	7/17 S	12/24 SW	11/22 SW	9/20 S	7/18 S	9/20 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/0	5/0	6/1	7/2	7/3	7/3	7/2	7/2	6/2
900	6/1	6/1	6/2	7/3	8/4	8/4	8/4	7/4	7/3
600	8/5	8/5	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/7	9/6
300	10/9	9/9	10/9	12/12	13/12	13/12	12/12	11/11	11/11
Glen	12/12	12/11	12/12	14/14	15/13	16/14	15/13	14/13	14/12
Freezing Level*	1700m	1700m	2000m	2200m	2200m	2200m	2300m	2300m	2100m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Rather cold brisk winds expected over the tops

Forecast for Thursday 24 Aug 2023

Weather: Rain for a time in the early hours before clearing away by the end of the night. Then the rest of the day will see sunny intervals and scattered showers, these most frequent across the west of the area. Showers may turn heavy at times.

Maximum wind: Westerly 20 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility outside of cloud and showers. Poor visibility developing in showers as well as cloud down to 600 to 800 metres, lowest cloud bases will be along the west coast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 18 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits